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CCP REPORTS PLANTING, HARVESTING, IRRIGATION PLANS

NORTHEAST REPORTS SPRING PLANTING PROGRESS -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 25 May 50

Spring planting in the Northeast in 1950 is well ahead of the 1949 schedule, and will be completed by the end of May 1950. An estimated 50 percent of arable land is under cultivation.

As of the first week in May, the Liaonan and Antung districts had completed spring planting; the Tung-hua district had completed 67 percent; southern Jehol, 80 percent; northern Jehol, 50 percent; southern Liaosi, 100 percent; Kirin, over 30 percent.

Wheat planting in the southern part of the Northeast was completed by mid-April, and in Sungkiang and in Heilungkiang by the end of April. Liaosi has planned to sow 96,433 hsiang (one hsiang in the Northeast equals 7 mou) in wheat; Sungkiang has planted 189,991 hsiang, 2,365 hsiang above plan; 10 hsien in Kirin plan 19,365 hsiang above plan; 10 hsien in Kirin plan 19,870 hsiang; and Heilungkiang plans 370,000 hsiang, of which 293,914 hsiang have already been planted.

The important cotton areas are located in Liaotung, Liaosi, and Jehol. Liaosi is the most important of the three, with 120,000 hsiang devoted to cotton, an increase of 98,000 hsiang over 1949. Liaotung's plans call for 70,000 hsiang to be planted in cotton. Data are not yet available for Jehol.

HONAN, HUPEH WHEAT HARVEST ABUNDANT -- Hankow Ch'ang-chiang, Jih-pao, 27 May 50

As a result of the abundant rainfall this season, the wheat harvest in Honan and Hupeh provinces exceeds expectations.

According to preliminary data, Honan planted approximately 70 percent of its arable land in wheat, representing a slight increase over 1949. As a result of favorable conditions brought about by the institution of land-reform measures, it is estimated that the 1950 crop will yield 10 percent more grain than the 1949 total of 36,197,000 piculs (one picul is 133.3 pounds).

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Hupei Province has planted 25 percent of its arable land in wheat, which is expected to yield 12,480,000 market piculs [one market picul is 110.2 pounds] of grain, as compared with 10,549,000 market piculs in 1949.

SOUTHEAST REPORTS GOOD WHEAT HARVEST -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 27 May 50

Chungking, 25 May (Hsin-hua) -- Except for bandit plagued areas in Western Szechwan and an area in Yunnan troubled with frost, the early crop of wheat, peas, beans, and rape seed throughout southwest China is reported to be over 80 percent of optimum yield and higher than in 1949. Famine conditions in east Szechwan have been relieved by this crop.

LIAOSI PLANTS 1,500,000 MOU OF COTTON -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 27 May 50

Liaosi Province, leader in cotton production among the Northeast provinces, has planted 1,500,000 mou of cotton this spring, exceeding the target by 151,000 mou. This figure amounts to more than twice as much as in 1949. If there is a good crop, a large share of the cotton needs of the weaving industry of the Northeast will be satisfied.

To realize this desirable result it will be necessary: (1) to organize the masses to replant several thousand mou where the plants have not come up, (2) to combat insect pests, and (3) to improve cultivation methods.

MINISTRY ISSUES DIRECTIVE ON IRRIGATION -- Wu-hsi Su-nan Jih-pao, 27 May 50

Peiping, 26 May (Hsin-hua) -- On 18 May 1950, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Central People's government issued a directive on proper summer irrigation activities to make possible the realization of this year's grain and cotton quotas.

The directive notes certain defects in the planning and administration of the 1950 irrigation program. It exhorts authorities on all levels to set up better irrigation controls and to establish scientific control units in accord with the requirements of each area. Whether the engineering work on an irrigation project has been finished or not, control units and systems should be set up to control the water distribution. On public irrigation projects, specialist cadres should be assigned and local government cadres and promising persons from among the masses should be absorbed into the organization. Also, by means of elective processes and proper treatment, men should be secured from all areas to assume local responsibilities in the irrigation control program.

The directive urges that methods of water usage and control systems be set up this year. Cadres should be added and better leadership be given to private and cooperative irrigation projects.

The directive further points out that the 400 million mou of irrigated land under cultivation constitute only 27 percent of cultivated land in the country, but that the production from irrigated land is about half the total. All agricultural organizations should give attention to this situation and improve their practical leadership.

Skilled irrigation engineers should be sent into all irrigated areas to study conditions and teach the people more efficient methods of taking advantage of the facilities and the nature of the soil to rotate their crops better and increase their production.

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An increase of 8,500,000 mou under irrigation has been set as the goal for 1950. To accomplish this will require improvement in inspection, reporting, and honest administration of the engineering projects to secure completion of projects on schedule. Improvements should be made in well-digging and irrigation equipment.

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